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X	The following is a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language:

1. JP 2003-162232 -- A locking piece BNT erected in a picture frame direction of a molded frame MLF is integrally formed in at least a portion of a dike-like edge WBT of a frame case UMP touching the picture frame of the molded frame and a projecting part PJN which is formed with a locking opening TH to be fitted with the locking piece BNT disposed at the dike-like edge WBT of the film case UMP by projecting in the direction of the light transmission plate is integrally formed on the inner side of the picture frame of the molded frame MLF, then the locking piece BNT is fitted into the locking opening TH, by which the light transmission plate is fixed between the molded frame MLF and the frame case UMP.
2. JP 2000-180854 -- A container for sheets, films or other plate bodies having optical effects is constructed with a single part which, in this case, has a structure using U shaped sheets holders and holding sheets having optical effects on two sides. Namely, the sheets holders are engaged in a frame and a liquid crystal display element is located on its fluorescent lamp, a reflection sheet and a reflection plate for the lamp are located on the frame. Thereby it becomes possible to hold the sheets having optical effects with the U shaped sheets holders and it becomes easy to from a gap to contain the sheets and maintain them. Thereby deformation of the sheets under heat is prevented and a liquid crystal display device with excellent display quality is provided.
3. JP 2002-006142 -- A positioning projection is formed on a frame, and a position hollow is adapted to the positioning projection is formed on a side surface in the width direction of the light guide plate made of a cycloolefin-based thermoelastic resin. The positioning surface of the positioning hollow is recessed below the side surface in the width direction of the light guide plate. As a result, sebum of an operator is prevented from adhering to the positioning surface of the positioning hollow, and a solvent crack is effectively prevented from occurring on the positioning surface of the positioning hollow, thereby, the positioning surface is prevented from being damaged by the solvent crack and failing to function for positioning. Thus, the clearance between the incident surface of the light guide plate and the fluorescent lamp can be appropriately maintained.
4. JP 2001-091947 -- The liquid crystal display device has a liquid crystal display and surface light source unit laminated and arranged on a resin frame. the surface light source unit has a tubular light source, a light transmission plate which is mounted at the frame so as to face the crystal display panel and introduces the light from the light source to the liquid crystal display panel, and the optical sheet which is arranged in superposition on the light transmission plate and faces the liquid crystal display panel. The optical sheet has a first pawl part which projects from one short side and is fixed to the frame and a second pawl part which projects from the other short side. A long hole is formed in the second pawl part. The frame has a recess which is fitted with the second pawl part and the base surface of the recess is projectingly provided with a positioning projection inserted into the long hole of the second pawl part to permit the relative displacement of the second pawl part and the frame.

5. JP 07-020464 -- A nearly rectangular light guide body unit which has a diffusion plate on one surface of a light guide plate and a reflecting plate on the other surface. A cold cathode ray tube which is arranged nearby along an edge of light guide body unit, a mold which holds the light guide unit and cold cathode ray tube 4 and constitutes a lower housing, and a frame part which constitutes an upper housing by mounting a liquid crystal display plate on the light guide body unit are laminated and fixed, and a lateral restriction Jib which restricts the surface-directional position of the light guide body unit and a longitudinal restriction Jib which restricts the position in the direction of the frame part are united with the mold. Therefore, the need for a spacer is eliminated to decrease the number of components and shorten the operation time, and the thickness is reducible.
6. JP 2003-043484 -- In a backlight device of a liquid crystal display device, protrusions and protruding on the periphery of optical sheets and are provided. In a backlight housing, an opening is provided in a position corresponding to the protrusions of the optical sheets. A protrusion protruding toward the optical sheets is provided at the center part of a backlight housing. The shapes of the part enclosing a luminescent tube light emission part and the part a luminescent tube electrode part of a reflector of a light source are specified to be different from each other.

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